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**TO:** Holders of AHCCCS Medical Policy Manuals

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**SUBJECT:** AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM)  
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**Chapter 300, Policy 310-V, Prescription Medications/Pharmacy Services**

Effective January 1, 2013, Medicare will begin coverage of barbiturates used for the treatment of epilepsy, cancer or chronic mental health conditions and benzodiazepines for any condition.

Therefore, beginning January 1, 2013 AHCCCS and its Contractors, shall not reimburse prescription claims for barbiturates used for the treatment of epilepsy, cancer or chronic mental health conditions or benzodiazepines prescribed for any condition for dual eligibles.

Policy 310-V has been revised to reflect this revision.

Additional information may be found on the AHCCCS website under “Pharmacy Information” at:

<http://www.azahcccs.gov/commercial/pharmacyupdates.aspx>